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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Jens Meintschel et al

Title: DEVICE FOR THE RELATIVE ANGULAR ADJUSTMENT OF A
CAMSHAFT WITH RESPECT TO A DRIVE WHEEL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references have been discussed in the introductory part of the application. The references do not disclose that, in an adjustment device for a camshaft of an internal combustion engine for varying the phase relationship of a camshaft with respect to a crankshaft as a function of the operating point, the adjustment device comprises an epicyclic gear structure with a drive-side and an output side ring wheel, which are in meshing engagement with planet wheels, and the output-side ring wheel has a number of teeth different from that of the drive-side ring wheel so that the position of the camshaft

relative to the crankshaft can be adjusted via an electric servomotor which drives a central sun wheel.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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